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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER FRASER
TO PRESIDENT, SENT BY TELEGRAM FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON JULY 2:

"ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AND ON
MY OWN BEHALF MAY I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES WARM GREETINGS ON YOUR BICENTENARY. I LOOK
FORWARD TO VISITING WASHINGTON AT THE END OF JULY AND TO
THE PROSPECT OF OUR CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THE EXCELLENT
RELATIONS OUR TWO NATIONS ENJOY."

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DE-
LIVERED TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

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"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD."

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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